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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract by the following abstract:

(New) There is provided a plane light source unit having a plane light pipe constituted by upper and lower surfaces and an incidence side surface which is one of side surfaces between the upper and lower surfaces, and a linear light pipe including a light supply surface. The linear light pipe has a refractive index higher than that of the plane light pipe. At least one point light source is disposed on the linear light pipe, and light incident from the at least one point light source is converted into light of a linear light source by the linear light pipe.